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TAGS: OTRA, PINT, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI VISA POLICIES

REF: JIDDA'S 2629

1. DURING OIL MINISTER YAMANI'S RECENT TV INTERVIEW ON FACE THE NATION, HE WAS ASKED WHY IT WAS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR AN AMERICAN JEW TO GET A VISA TO SAUDI ARABIA. YAMANI'S REPLY WAS THAT IT WAS NOT IMPOSSIBLE AT ALL. HE SAID A JEW, IF HE IS NOT A ZIONIST, IS WELCOME TO COME TO SAUDI ARABIA, AND CITED A MR. SEGAL OF KMS INDUSTRIES AS AN EXAMPLE.

2. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED DR. SOLAIM'S REMARKS NOTED IN REFTEL TO TREASURY REPS THAT SAUDI VISA POLICY DID REQUIRE SOME ACTION BY SAG, AND HE WAS REASONABLY CERTAIN SUCH ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN OR IMPLEMENTED SOON.

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3. WE FIND THE CONVERGENCE OF THESE TWO STATEMENTS

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INTERESTING AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORTING ANY
FURTHER INDICATION THATSAG MAY BE ADOPTING LESS RE-
STRICTIVE VISA POLICY.
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